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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN APPLICATION OF)
AKHTAR OSMAN ET AL) GROUP NO: 1713
SERIAL NO.: 09/786,408) EXAMINER: C. CAIXIA LU
FILED: MARCH 2, 2001) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 9
TITLE: GEL REDUCTION IN HIGH)
CIS-1,4-POLYBUTADIENE)
PRODUCTION PROCESS)

CORRECTED RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 17, 2003. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the accompanying remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 33-64 is courteously requested.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification: None.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: None.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appendix: None.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an enveloped addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 07/29/03

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